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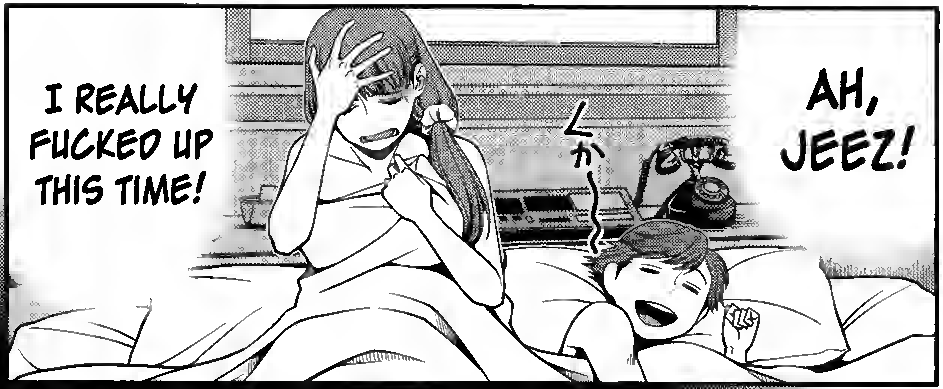
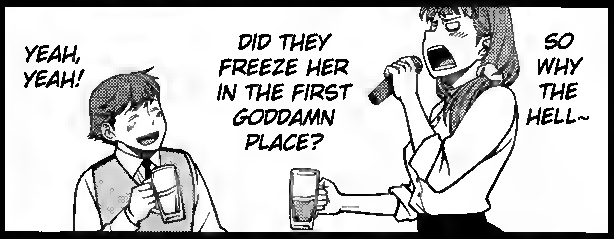
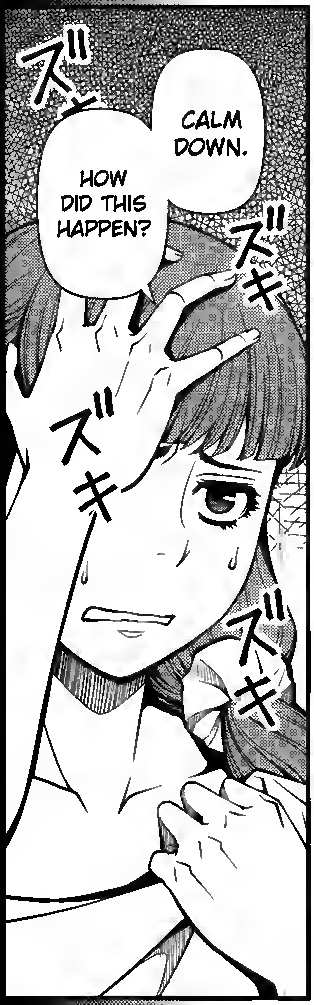

I REALLY FUCKED UP THIS TIME!
AH, JEEZ!

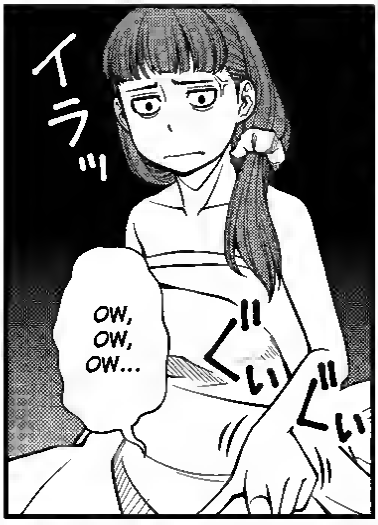
HE'S BEEN YELLING AT ME THIS WHOLE TIME, ASKING ME WHERE YOU GUYS WENT!
TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH!
HE CAME BACK BY HIMSELF AFTER SEEING OFF KENZAKI AND SHIGEMATSU.

SOUNDS GOOD!
WE'RE GOIN' OUT DRINKING, WAKABA-YASHI-KUN!
WHY'D I GET IN TROUBLE, TOO?!


YEAH, YEAH!
DID THEY FREEZE HER IN THE FIRST GODDAMN PLACE?
SO WHY THE HELL~


CALM DOWN.
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

GETTING DRUNK AND RUNNING OFF TO A LOVE HOTEL? WHAT AM I, A COLLEGE FRESHMAN?
THEN LET'S GO TO A HOTEL WITH A KARAOKE PLACE!
I WANNA SING WAY MORE!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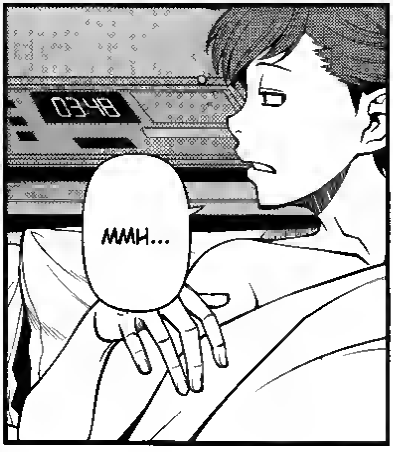
MORNIN', IKEGAMI-SAN.
WHAT'S WRONG?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WHY ARE YOU UPSET?
WAS I THAT BAD?
NO, YOU WERE REALLY GOOD!
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A LOTTA THINGS.
YOU'RE REALLY GOOD IN BED TOO, IKEGAMI-SAN.
HEY!
TIME-OUT! TIME-OUT!
I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO SLEEP WITH ME JUST 'CAUSE I WANTED TO HAVE SEX WITH YOU.
I'M REALLY HAPPY THIS HAPPENED.
YEAH, WELL...
I HAD A FEELING I'D END UP DOING THIS WITH YOU.

BUT YOU KNOW,
I THINK I WAS CONFUSED ABOUT HOW I FELT...
BECAUSE A LOT OF THE GIRLS WERE MAKING A BIG DEAL ABOUT A YOUNGER GUY JOINING THE OFFICE.
SINCE THE DAY YOU STARTED WORKING WITH US,
I know it's a little late to be bringing this up now, but hear me out!
I WAS INTERESTED IN YOU FOR SOME REASON!
SO THERE WAS NO WAY I COULD TELL ANYONE
THAT I WAS KINDA INTERESTED IN YOU!
THE TOTAL OPPO-SITE.
HE'S BASI-CALLY
AND THEN THERE'S YOU, WAKABAYASHI-KUN. YOU'RE YOUNGER, YOU'RE SUPER INFORMAL, AND YOU'VE GOT THAT ROUND BABY FACE!
THIS KIND OF GUY.
I LIKE OLDER, STYLISH GUYS, THE KIND OF GUYS WHO LOOK GOOD WITH A GOATEE.
I KNOW I WAS IN THE WRONG, BUT YOU HIT ME IN THE FACE!
IF I START DATING YOU AFTER THAT,
AND YOU SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE!
THAT'S A TOTAL RED FLAG!

HEYYY,
I'M STILL TALKING.
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PEOPLE ARE GONNA THINK I'M SOME GIRL WHO LIKES ABU...
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HYA!
W-WAKA-BAYASHI-KUN!
WAIT!
HOLD...
JEEZ.
IT PISSES ME OFF HOW GOOD AT THIS YOU ARE.
SORRY, IKEGAMI-SAN, YOU WERE JUST GOING ON AND ON...

WE'RE GONNA HAVE SEX NOW?!
WHY NOT?
WE'RE BOTH TOTALLY AWAKE.
YOU READY?
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AND YOU'LL FALL ASLEEP FASTER IF YOU CUM INSTEAD OF TRYING TO FALL ASLEEP HORNY.
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YOU'RE ALREADY REALLY TURNED ON, HUH, IKE-GAMI-SAN?
DON'T WORRY.
YEAH, BUT WE HAVE WORK TODAY, AND WE SHOULD SLEEP!
JUST LEAVE IT ALL TO ME.
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REALLY?
PLUS WE STILL HAVE TWO HOURS OF SLEEP ONCE WE FINISH.

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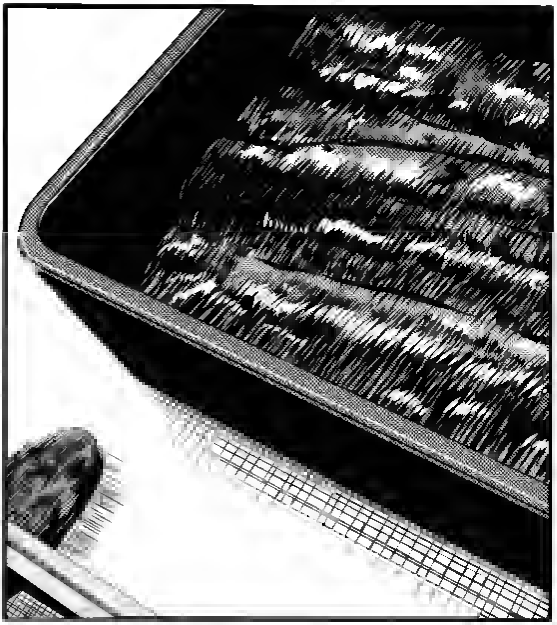

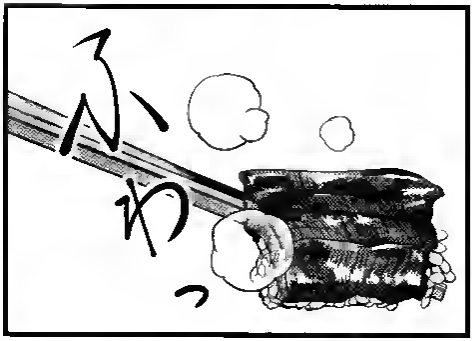

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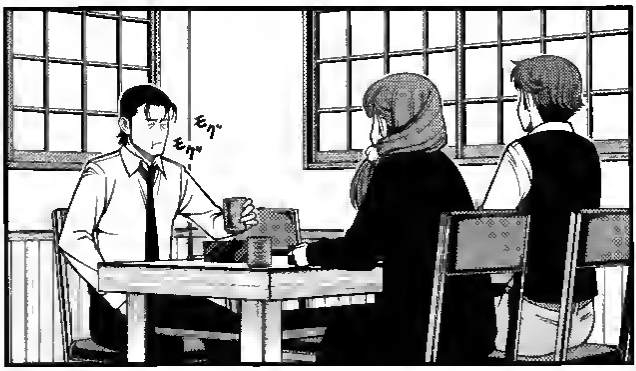

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IF YOU GET PREGNANT, NEITHER OF YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GET RDS.
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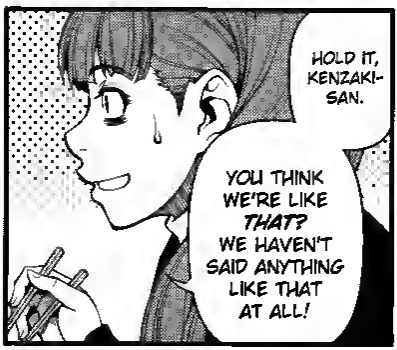
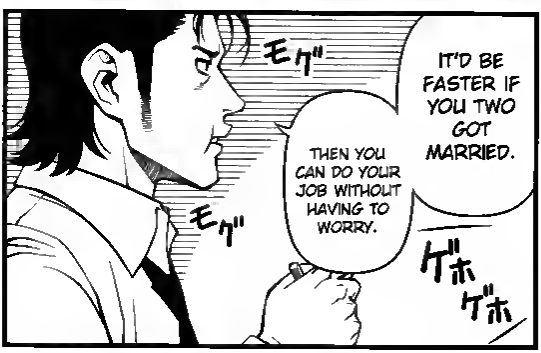

HOLD IT, KENZAKI-SAN.
YOU THINK WE'RE LIKE THAT? WE HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING LIKE THAT AT ALL!


IT'D BE FASTER IF YOU TWO GOT MARRIED.
THEN YOU CAN DO YOUR JOB WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY.
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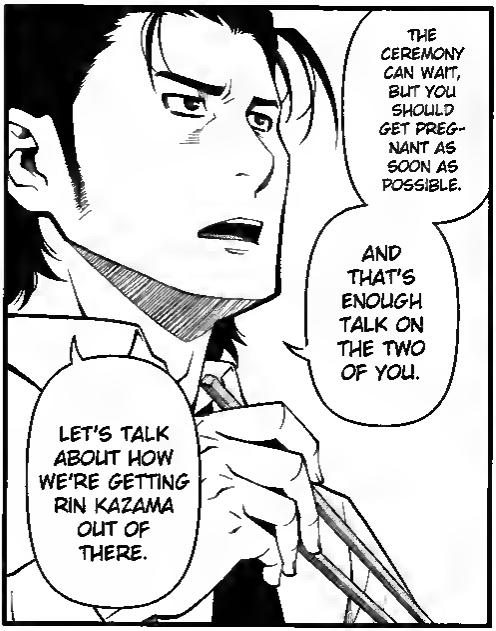
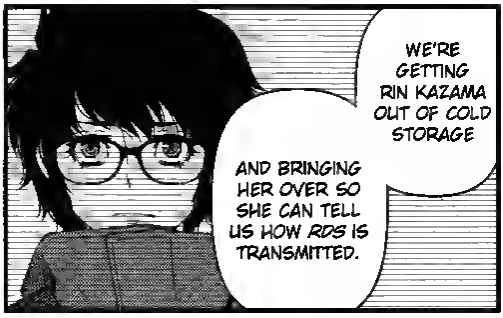
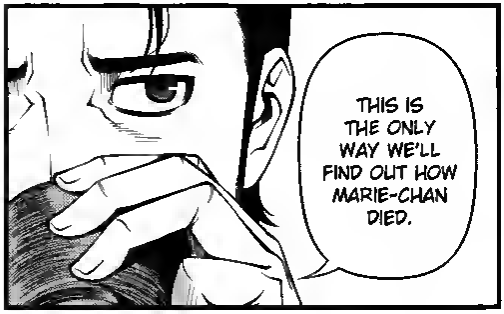

THE CEREMONY CAN WAIT, BUT YOU SHOULD GET PREGNANT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
AND THAT'S ENOUGH TALK ON THE TWO OF YOU.
LET'S TALK ABOUT HOW WE'RE GETTING RIN KAZAMA OUT OF THERE.

WE HAD SEX!
WELL, WE ARE!

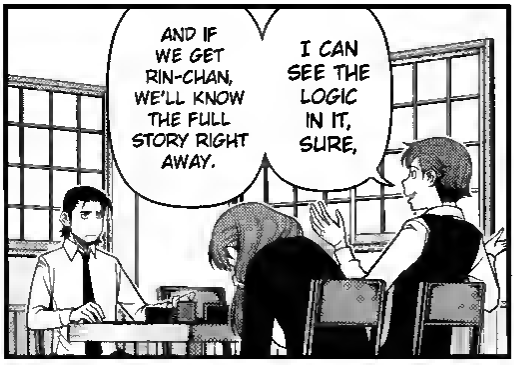
WAKA-BAYA-SHI-KUN!
GIVE UP, IKEGAMI-SAN.
YOU CAN'T FOOL HIM.


WE'RE GETTING RIN KAZAMA OUT OF COLD STORAGE
AND BRINGING HER OVER SO SHE CAN TELL US HOW *RDS* IS TRANSMITTED.

OH,
YOU WERE ACTUALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THAT.
DON'T MAKE ME SAY IT AGAIN.


THIS IS THE ONLY WAY WE'LL FIND OUT HOW MARIE-CHAN DIED.

IF WE CAN GET HER, OF COURSE.
THIS IS AN *UNDO* BASE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE.
FORGET GETTING OUT, GETTING IN IS GONNA BE IMPOSSIBLE.


I CAN SEE THE LOGIC IN IT, SURE,
AND IF WE GET RIN-CHAN, WE'LL KNOW THE FULL STORY RIGHT AWAY.

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HUH?
WHAT IS IT?

WAKA-BAYASHI, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
AND EVEN SHIGE-SAN WAS AGAINST THIS PLAN!
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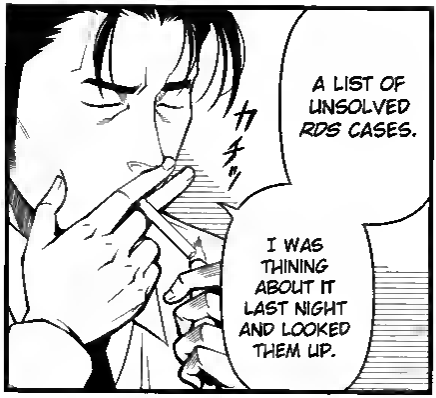
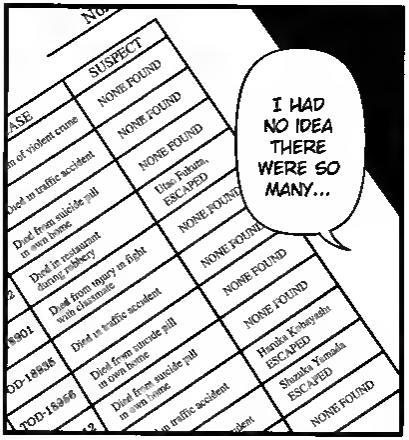
THERE ARE TONS OF CASES WHERE THEY WERE SWEPT UP BY VECTORS AND PULLED OUT OF OUR REACH.
JUST TAKE A LOOK.


A LIST OF UNSOLVED RDS CASES.
I WAS THINING ABOUT IT LAST NIGHT AND LOOKED THEM UP.


I HAD NO IDEA THERE WERE SO MANY...
SUSPECT
NONE FOUND
NONE FOUND
NONE FOUND
Ulac Fukuta, ESCAPED
NONE FOUND
NONE FOUND
NONE FOUND
NONE FOUND
Hanka Kobayashi ESCAPED
Shizuka Yimada ESCAPED
NONE FOUND
Died in traffic accident
Died from suicide pill in own home
Died in restaurant during robbery
Died from injury in fight with classmate
Died in traffic accident
Died from suicide pill in own home
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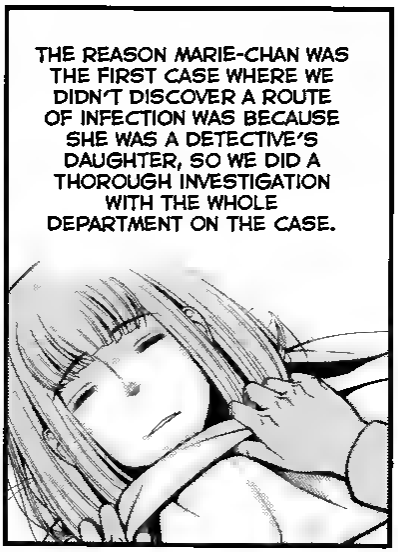
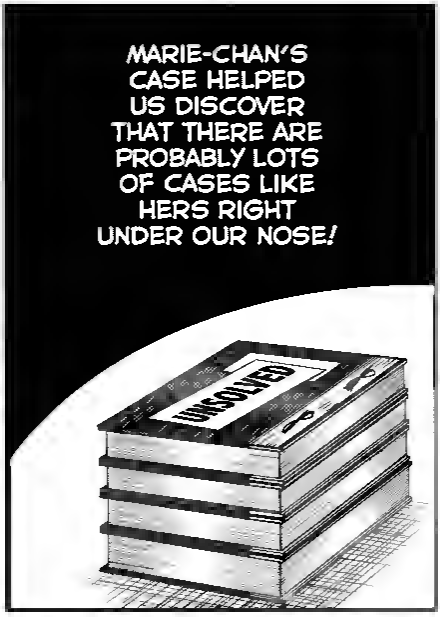
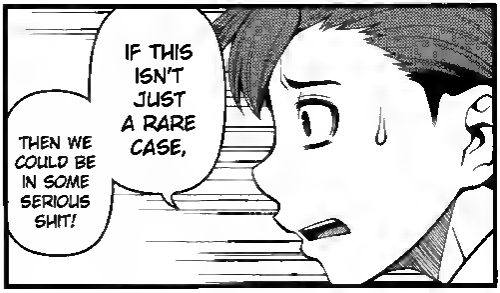
AND IF THEY DON'T FIND A VECTOR OR SOMEONE WITH RDS,
THEY FIGURE THE SUSPECT'S ALREADY GOTTEN AWAY AND THEY CLOSE THE CASE.

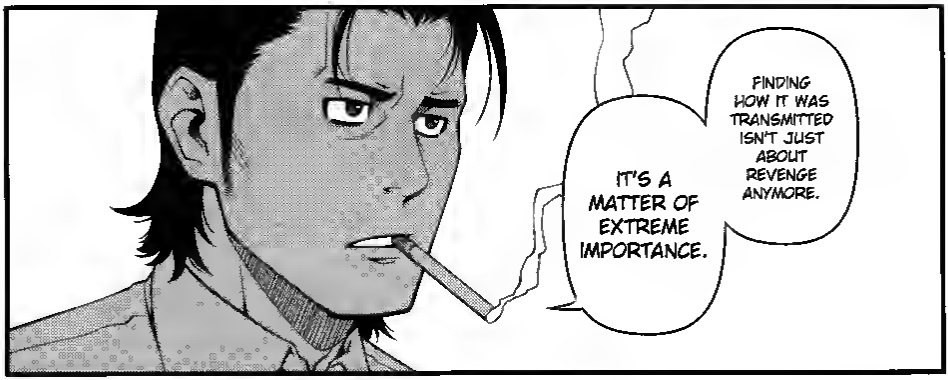
BUT WE CAN'T DO THAT WITH NORMAL CASES.
WE ONLY HAVE TWO OR THREE PEOPLE ON EACH CASE, TOPS.


THE REASON MARIE-CHAN WAS THE FIRST CASE WHERE WE DIDN'T DISCOVER A ROUTE OF INFECTION WAS BECAUSE SHE WAS A DETECTIVE'S DAUGHTER, SO WE DID A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION WITH THE WHOLE DEPARTMENT ON THE CASE.

WOW...


MARIE-CHAN'S CASE HELPED US DISCOVER THAT THERE ARE PROBABLY LOTS OF CASES LIKE HERS RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSE!
UNSOLVED


IF THIS ISN'T JUST A RARE CASE,
THEN WE COULD BE IN SOME SERIOUS SHIT!


FINDING HOW IT WAS TRANSMITTED ISN'T JUST ABOUT REVENGE ANYMORE.
IT'S A MATTER OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE.

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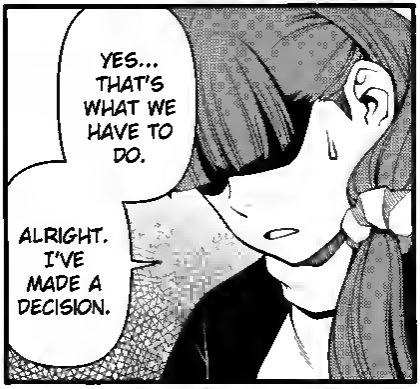
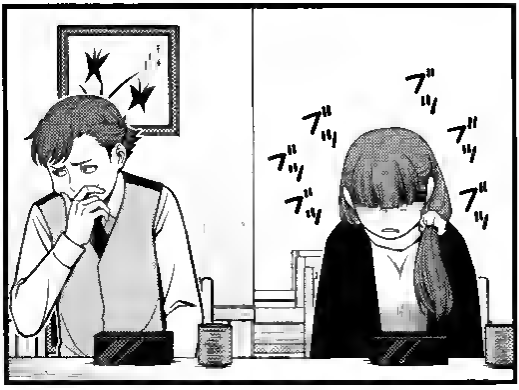

YES... THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO DO.
ALRIGHT. I'VE MADE A DECISION.



I'M GOING TO MARRY YOU, WAKABA-YASHI-KUN!
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WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

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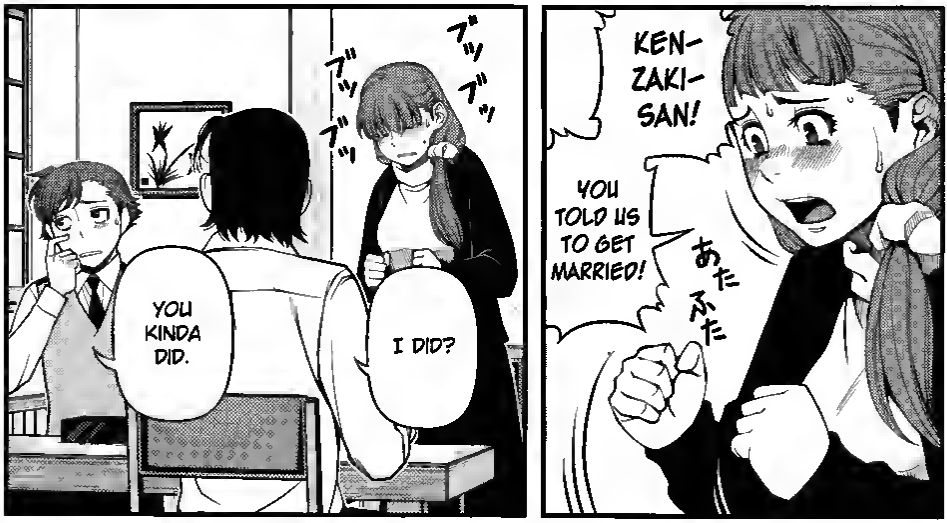
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YOU KINDA DID.
I DID?
KEN-ZAKI-SAN!
YOU TOLD US TO GET MARRIED!
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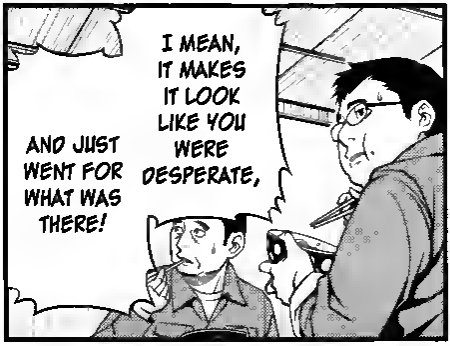
I WAS TRYING TO AVOID THAT!
BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO MARRY SOMEONE FROM WORK!
HELL, MAYBE I'M ALREADY GETTING ON IT TOO LATE!
AND I'VE BEEN THINKING THAT I'M GETTING OLDER AND I SHOULD THINK ABOUT GETTING MARRIED SOON!

PLUS YOU'RE, WELL, YOU, SO I DUNNO IF I REALLY WANT TO MARRY YOU!
AND YOU'RE REALLY YOUNG, WAKABA-YASHI-KUN!


AND JUST WENT FOR WHAT WAS THERE!
I MEAN, IT MAKES IT LOOK LIKE YOU WERE DESPERATE,

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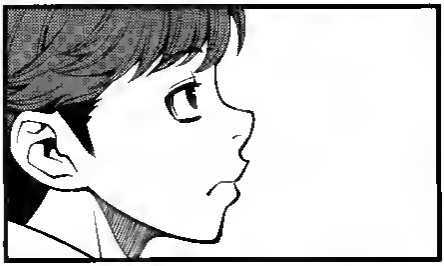
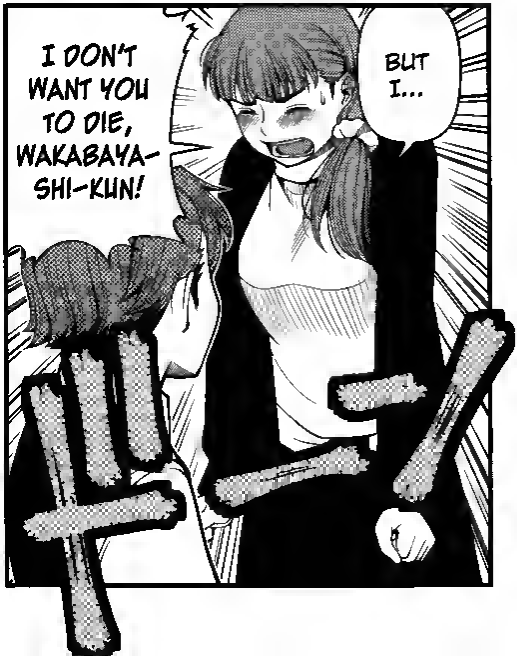


OKAY.
LET'S GET MAR-RIED.


I DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE, WAKABAYA-SHI-KUN!
BUT I...

AND I HAD A FEELING THIS WOULD HAPPEN WITH YOU, IKEGAMI-SAN.
EVER SINCE I JOINED THE FORCE, ACTUALLY.
YOU'RE SURE?
THAT'S WHAT I WAS GONNA SAY.
SO BACK TO WHAT I WAS SAYING.
YOU SURE?
RIGHT. LET'S HELP RIN-CHAN ESCAPE.
SO...
SHOULD I CONGRAT-ULATE YOU TWO?
THANK YOU, CHIEF!
BUT LET'S SET THOSE THOUGHTS ASIDE FOR NOW...
AND FOCUS ON MOVING FORWARD.
I FEEL THE SAME WAY AS IKEGAMI-SAN.
IT'S NOT GONNA BE EASY,
I'VE GOT AN IDEA I'D LIKE TO PROPOSE, ACTUALLY.

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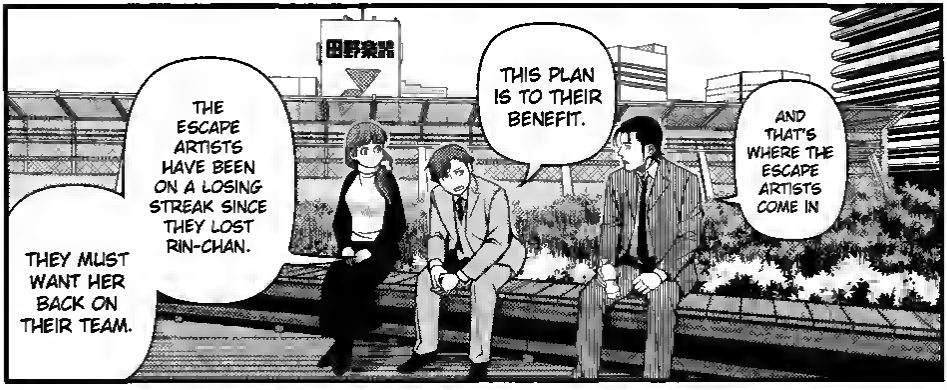
EVEN WITH SHIGE-SAN, WE'RE JUST THREE PEOPLE.
THERE'S NO WAY WE COULD MAKE AN ATTACK ON THE HACHIOJI BASE.
SO WE'VE GOT TO GET A LITTLE CRAZY.

YOU WANT TO JOIN FORCES WITH THE ESCAPE ARTISTS?!


THE ESCAPE ARTISTS HAVE BEEN ON A LOSING STREAK SINCE THEY LOST RIN-CHAN.
THIS PLAN IS TO THEIR BENEFIT.
AND THAT'S WHERE THE ESCAPE ARTISTS COME IN
THEY MUST WANT HER BACK ON THEIR TEAM.

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SOUNDS INTER-ESTING.
KEEP TALKING, WAKABA-YASHI.

I KNOW THERE'S GONNA BE A BIG MORAL ISSUE WITH TEAMING UP WITH KNOWN CRIMINALS...
HMPH.
LET SOMEONE ELSE FIGURE THAT OUT.

A LONG WHILE BACK,
I HIT ON A GIRL WHO LOOKED LIKE SHE WAS WORKING WITH THE ESCAPE ARTISTS.
WE'VE BEEN TEXTING BACK AND FORTH FOR A WHILE.

SO, WE NEED A WAY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE ESCAPE ARTISTS, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHERE I GOT US COVERED.

You hit on her..?
SO, ONE DAY,
I SUDDENLY STOP GETTING REPLIES FROM THIS GIRL.

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SORRY I KEPT IT FROM YOU.
I WAS GONNA TELL YOU ONCE I WAS 100% SURE.
AND WHY AM I JUST HEARING ABOUT THIS NOW?

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THAT'S RIGHT!
DING
THIS NUMBER PROBABLY BELONGED TO ONE OF THE WOMEN THAT'S FROZEN IN COLD STORAGE!
AND IT GETS BETTER!

WHEN DO YOU THINK THAT WAS?
I GET IT.
THE DAY RIN AND THE OTHERS WENT TO HACHIOJI.

BUT THEY WON'T PICK UP THE PHONE OR TEXT YOU BACK.
WHAT'S THE POINT IN HAVING IT, THEN?
THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY TRUE, IKEGAMI.
THE PHONE STILL WORKS!
THE NUMBER YOU HAVE DIALED IS UNABLE TO ANSWER.
THE OWNER'S BEEN FROZEN, BUT SOMEONE'S STILL GOT IT AND IS KEEPING IT CHARGED!
AND THAT PERSON HAS TO BE WORKING WITH THE ESCAPE ARTISTS!

"WE'RE GOING TO GET WINDCHIME OUT OF HACHIOJI."

THEY MIGHT BE READING HIS TEXTS AND NOT RESPONDING.
I THINK THAT'S WHAT'S HAPP-ENING.

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WAKABA-YASHI,
TEXT WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY TO THAT NUMBER.
READY!

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"WE AWAIT YOUR REPLY."
"DETECTIVE KENZAKI."
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"WE WOULD LIKE YOUR ASSIST-ANCE."
"INFORM MAMA OF THIS SITUATION."
THAT'S IT. SEND IT!
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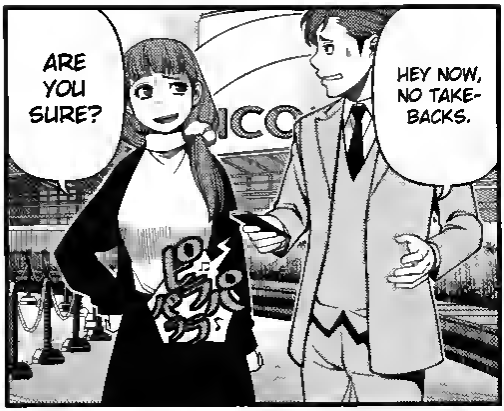
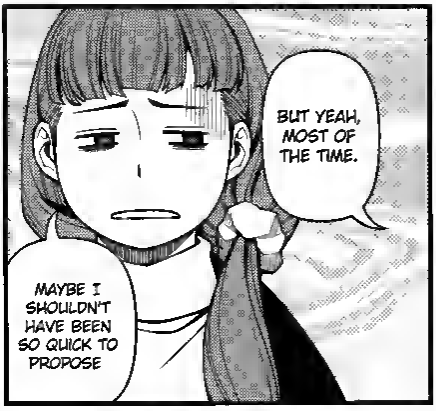
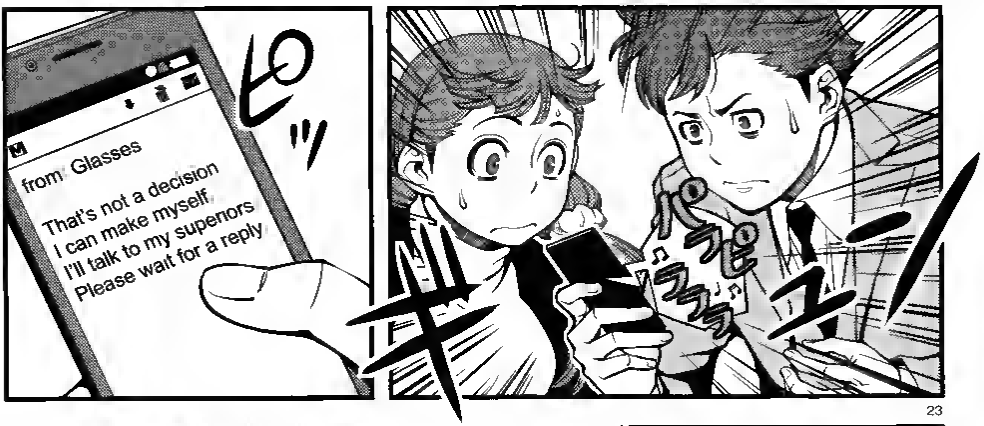
UMMM,
NOT ALWAYS, BUT...
HEY, HOLD ON.
ARE YOU GUYS ALWAYS DOING DAN-GEROUS STUFF LIKE THIS?


ARE YOU SURE?
HEY NOW, NO TAKE-BACKS.


BUT YEAH, MOST OF THE TIME.
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO QUICK TO PROPOSE


from Glasses
That's not a decision I can make myself. I'll talk to my superiors. Please wait for a reply.
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WELL, THEN.
LIFE IS FULL OF SUPRISES.

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THEY REPLIED!
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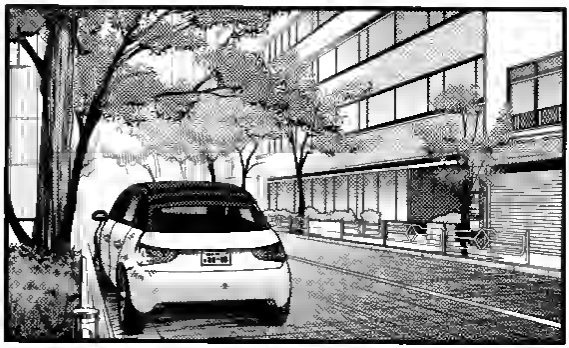

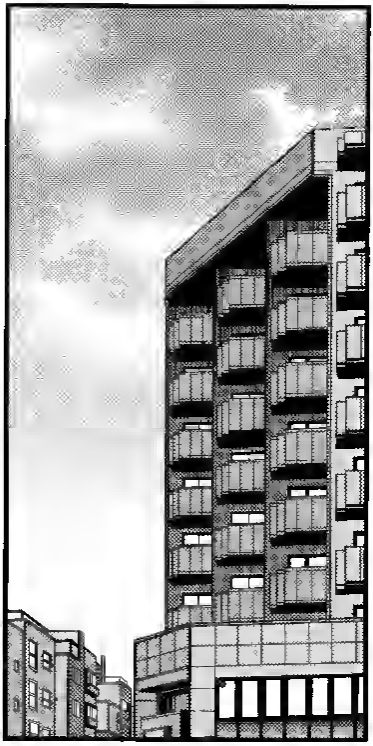

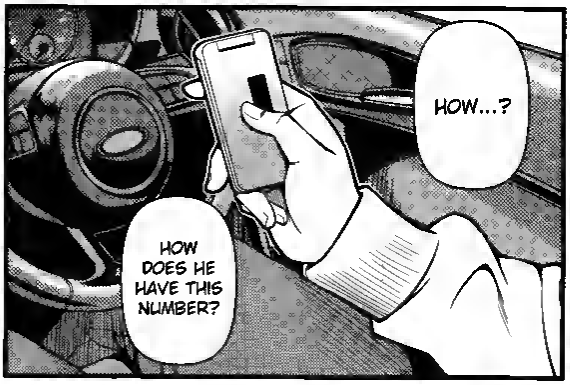

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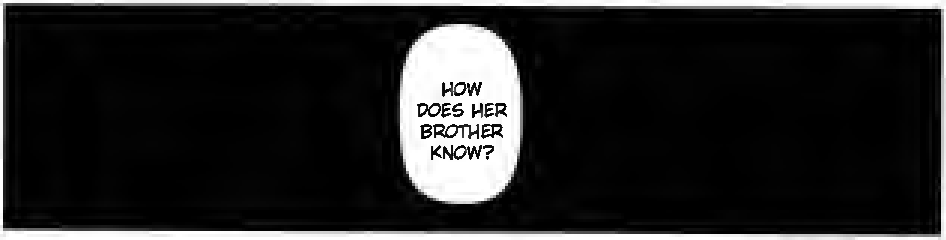

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